



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Beck Academy

Greenville

Grades: 6-8

Enrollment: 996

Principal: Dr. J. Brodie Bricker

Superintendent: Dr. Phinnize J. Fisher

Board Chair: Dr. Keith Ray

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD/SILVER AWARD	AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
2008	Average	Average	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2007	Average	Below Average	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2006	At-Risk	At-Risk	N/A	Not Met	N/A

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT

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GOOD

6

AVERAGE

24

BELOW AVERAGE

3

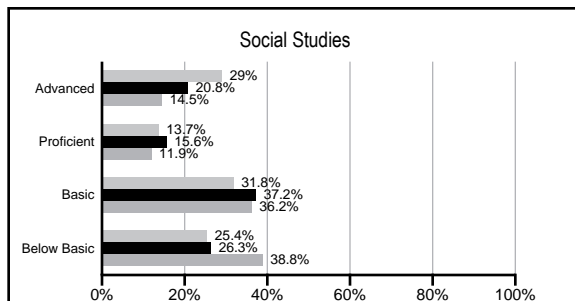
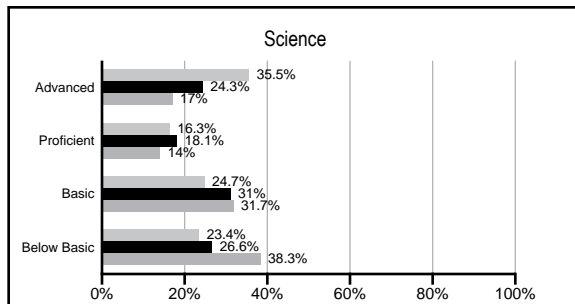
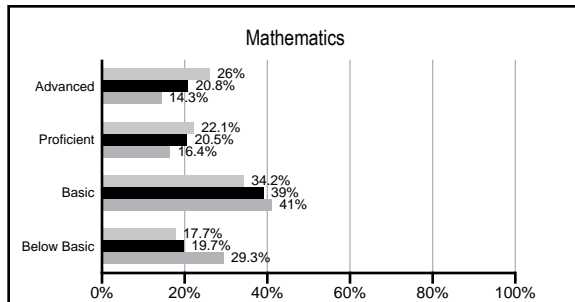
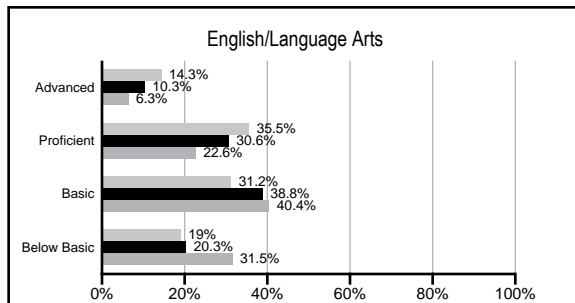
AT-RISK

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* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/02/2009. Schools with Students like Ours are Middle Schools with poverty indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PACT PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	31	44	23	2
Nation	27	43	27	2
<div> <div></div>Below Basic <div></div>Basic <div></div>Proficient <div></div>Advanced </div>				

MATH - GRADE 8 (2007)

South Carolina	29	39	24	7
Nation	30	39	24	7
<div> <div></div>Below Basic <div></div>Basic <div></div>Proficient <div></div>Advanced </div>				

SCIENCE - GRADE 8 (2005)

South Carolina	46	31	21	2
Nation	43	30	24	3
<div> <div></div>Below Basic <div></div>Basic <div></div>Proficient <div></div>Advanced </div>				

END OF COURSE TESTS - 2008

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	98.7%	97.3%
English 1	100.0%	93.4%
Physical Science	0%	40.5%
All Subjects	99.0%	96.8%

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Goal: TBD

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=996)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	29.9%	Down from 54.1%	30.7%	19.4%
Retention rate	0.8%	Down from 2.4%	1.8%	1.8%
Attendance rate	95.8%	Down from 96.2%	96.3%	95.8%
Eligible for gifted and talented	28.9%	Up from 28.7%	26.0%	15.3%
With disabilities other than speech	15.0%	Up from 14.8%	11.0%	12.9%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent &/or criminal offenses	0.6%	Down from 9.9%	1.1%	0.7%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=68)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	51.5%	Up from 45.8%	59.6%	55.0%
Continuing contract teachers	60.3%	Up from 51.7%	75.4%	70.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	4.9%	Down from 8.6%	3.7%	5.4%
Teachers returning from previous year	77.1%	Up from 65.5%	84.1%	83.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 95.4%	95.3%	94.9%
Average teacher salary	\$41,113	Up 1.2%	\$46,811	\$44,706
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	8.1%	Up from 4.7%	1.0%	2.9%
School				
Principal's years at school	5.5	Up from 4.5	4.0	3.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	22.4 to 1	Up from 22.3 to 1	21.6 to 1	20.1 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.2%	Up from 89.9%	90.2%	89.3%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Character development program	Below Average	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil*	\$6,273	Down 18.1%	\$6,285	\$7,097
Percent of expenditures for instruction*	64.1%	Up from 60.7%	66.8%	64.4%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries*	58.9%	Up from 57.2%	63.3%	59.4%
% of AYP objectives met	79.3%		76.2%	69.0%

* Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	54	235	76
Percent satisfied with learning environment	87.0%	69.8%	82.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	98.1%	72.7%	76.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	96.3%	85.5%	78.9%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Beck administration, faculty, and staff continue to focus on quality instruction, proactive discipline, and a positive school climate.

A grant from the state provided funds for additional professional development to address improvement of student achievement. The MAP testing provides diagnostic information on individual student achievement and is being used to target instruction. The PACT scores for the 06-07 school year continue to show gains in the percentage of students scoring Basic and above in all core subjects in all grades. Strategies, including daily review of math standards, the use of peer tutors, use of PACT prep materials, flexible grouping to address the growth needs of students as indicated by MAP results, Math and Reading tutorial classes, use of differentiated instructional strategies, and Compass Odyssey, have been implemented in an effort to improve test scores. Academic achievement and improved PACT scores continue to be our top priority. The school portfolio's action plan and the IB self-study will be used to guide the path of instruction for Beck Academy.

Since moving into our beautiful new facility in 06-07, the student population has increased by more than 250 students. The new facility provides classrooms with state-of-the-art technology, science labs, computer labs, and new athletic facilities, providing a positive learning environment for our students.

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